(c) The State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Union Territory of Chandigarh have been sensitized to trace the 11 missing Pak nationals and take immediate action for their deportation under the law.

Poverty alleviation programmes in Nagaland

*388. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of poverty alleviation programmes formulated by Government for North-Eastern States particularly for the rural, hilly, tribal and backward people of Nagaland during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial allocation made by Government for this purpose during this period; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to provide more funds for rural development of NER during Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The following schemes/programmes are being implemented by the Government for the benefit of the rural poor in the North Eastern States including Nagaland.

i. Sampooma Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

ii. Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)

iii. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

iv. Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

v National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP)

vi. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP)

vi. Rural Water Supply (RWS) Programme

viii. Total Sanitation Compaign (TSC)

(b) The details of the budget allocation made for the North Eastern States in respect of the various rural development schemes/programmes during the last three years are as given below.

SI. No.	Year	Budget allocation (Rupees in Lakhs)
1.	2002-03	1,34,997.58
2.	2003-04	1,47,446.81
3.	2004-05	1,90,954.01

For the State of Nagaland, the budget allocation for various rural development schemes was Rs. 8,394.88 lakhs during 2002-03, Rs. 9,180.07 lakhs during 2003-04 and Rs. 10,232.18 lakhs during 2004-05.

(c) 10% of the total budget allocation of this Ministry is earmarked for the North Eastern States. Further, a Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) exist for the North Eastern Region and the unspent balance of the 10% earmarked budget allocation goes to this NLCPR at the end of each financial year.

Request for banning import of onions

*389. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an *Ad-hoc* Committee of Maharashtra Legislature on Onion had called on the Union Minister on November 7, 2003, to request for banning import and removing the ban on exports of onions and increase in handling subsidy for the perishable commodity on the lines of sugar and fixing a minimum support price for onion; and

(b) if so, the decisions since taken and the steps taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH):.(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Members of the *Ad-hoc* Committee of Maharashtra Legislature on Onion were informed by the then Commerce & Industry Minister that as per extant EXIM Policy, import and export of onion is free. However, export of onion is canalized through NAFED, other State Trading enterprises and authorized cooperative marketing institutions. Government is not providing any export subsidy for export of onions. Recently, onion has been removed